

**NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**Serving the Towns of Little Compton, Portsmouth, Middletown,**  
**Tiverton**

**Board of Superintendents Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

**Held at Oliphant Administration**

**Superintendents Present: Mr. W. Rearick, Tiverton Public Schools**

**Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools**

**Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools**

**Also Present: Mr. D. Croston, Chairperson, Portsmouth School  
Committee**

**Dr. R. Santa, Director, Newport County Regional, NCR**

**Ms. S. Kraeger, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional, NCR**

**Mrs. C. Andrade, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional, NCR**

**Mrs. G. Augustus, Business Mgr., NCR**

**Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Mr. Rearick.**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes of the January 8, 2014 Minutes.**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting. Unanimous Vote.**

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Memo to Jenna from Linda Savastano**

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Out of District Placements – Questions/Concerns**
- **Medicaid Reimbursement Update – Questions/Concerns**
- **Year-to-Date Summary – Questions/Concerns**
- **Disbursement Detail Listing – Questions/Concerns**
- **Personnel Assignment List - Updated**

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Hiring of Special Legal Counsel**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, That the Board of Superintendents approves the**

**hiring of Special Legal Counsel to respond to the letter from Barton/Gilman. Unanimous Vote**

**1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick, to amend the motion to allow Director Santa and Mr. W. Rearick, Chairperson to engage legal counsel as an interim engagement with a \$5,000 cap. Mrs. R. Kraeger and Mrs. K. Crowley opposed the motion.**

**2) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, to amend the motion to allow**

**Director Santa and Mr. W. Rearick, Chairperson to engage Special Legal Counsel and return to the Board with proposals at the next Board meeting. Unanimous Vote**

## **Recommendations on Personnel**

### **B. Request for Leave**

**1. Sandra Warshauer – Special Educator – Portsmouth High School - Request for Leave**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Kraeger, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the**

**above named personnel's request for leave anticipated effective date March 17, 2014 utilizing accrued**

**sick/personal days with anticipated return to current position on June 1, 2014. Unanimous Vote**

### **C. Recommendations – Certified Personnel**

**1. Francesca Shiels – Special Educator – Gaudet Middle School – BSP – Budgeted**

**MOTION: Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Unanimous Vote**

**2. Elizabeth Gill – Special Educator – Pocasset School – Budgeted**

**MOTION: Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the**

**above named certified personnel for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Unanimous Vote**

**3. Maureen Leahy – Special Educator – Tiverton High School – Lane Increase**

**The Board requested that this agenda item be Tabled at this time; pending review of**

**documentation by Human Resource Coordinator in Tiverton.**

**4. Non-Renewals**

**MOTION: Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the**

**non-renewals of the certified staff as presented below .**

**Unanimous Vote**

**A. Due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for the programs for the 2014-2015 School Year, it is recommended that the following personnel's position be eliminated at the end of the 2013-2014 School Year:**

**Ashley Serls**

**Gabriela Batek**

**Marc Gonsalves**

**Melissa Riccio**

**Kristen Gill**

**Francesca Shiels**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is based on the fact that the above personnel were assigned to their present positions for the**

**remainder of the 2013-2014 school year only.**

**B. It is recommended that the teaching contract of the following personnel not be renewed on the last day of the 2013-2014 School Year:**

**Kerrin Martins**

**Ashley Serls**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is the desire of the Region to re-open the position to seek a larger pool of more qualified candidates.**

**C. Due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for the programs for the 2014-2015 School Year, it is recommended that the following personnel's position be eliminated at the end of the 2013-2014 School Year:**

**Deidre Gauch**

**Angela Coughlin**

**Mary Surber**

**Charity Shea**

**Chyleene O'Connor**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is based on the fact that the above personnel were assigned to their present positions of Special Education Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year only.**

**D. Due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for the programs for the 2014-2015 School Year, it is recommended that the following personnel's present positions be eliminated at the end of**

**the 2013-2014 School Year:**

**Melissa Rollings**

**Kaitlyn Birrell**

**Liane Barone**

**Elizabeth Galla**

**Hope Valloney**

**Brandyn Chace**

**Jennifer Colson Lynch**

**Maureen Leahy**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for this department's programs for the 2014-2015 school year, which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, realignment of staff and elimination of positions in order to more effectively and efficiently use the department's assets. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year; this elimination may permit displacement of a less qualified or less senior teacher pursuant to state law.**

**E. Recommendations – Non-Certified Personnel**

**1. Addition of 1 Creative Options Behavior Specialist to Aquidneck BSP**

**MOTION: Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the**

**Addition of 1 Creative Options Behavior Specialist to Aquidneck BSP. Unanimous Vote**

**F. Discussion Items – The Director brought these items before the Board for Discussion.**

**1. NCRSEP Human Capital Management System – Final Adoption**

**Mrs. G. Augustus brought the NCRSEP Human Capital Management System for signature**

**by Chairperson of the Board of Superintendents; previously voted for adoption at the January 8, 2014 meeting.**

**2. Part Time Nurse – Gaudet Middle School**

**The Board recommended that Rachel reach out again to hire an RN vs a SNT. Position will be**

**re-posted on School Spring for a Registered Nurse by Mrs. K. Viana, HR.**

**3. FY15 Budget Discussion**

**Mrs. Augustus provided the Board with a Draft 2014-2015 Budget – The Board reviewed the**

**Draft Budget and requested that Mrs. Augustus get additional information re: Medical costs**

**and bring back to the board for further discussion.**

**G. Program Highlights/Evolving School-Based Needs**

**1. Critical Cases – Questions/Concerns**

**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. To adjourn from the**

**Board of Superintendent’s Meeting, at 10:16 a.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Rachel Santa, Director \_\_\_\_\_ Coleen Silvia,**  
**Clerk\_\_\_\_\_**